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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: A Bottom-to-Surface Connection Device  
Including A Leaktight Flexible Joint Between A  
Riser And A Float

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.